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11. (Thrice Amended) A clamping tool comprising:

a base member;

a bar system mounted to the base member and comprising a plurality of mutually pivotal bars including:

an activation bar pivotally mounted to the base member and being provided with a handle member;

a rocking bar also pivotally mounted to the base member and operatively connected to the activation bar via a first toggle joint; a clamping bar operatively connected to the activation bar via a second toggle joint and being pivotally mounted to said rocking bar;

wherein the first toggle joint comprises a first joint pivotally connected to a second joint, and the second toggle joint comprises a first joint pivotally connected to a second joint;

further wherein the first and second toggle joints substantially simultaneously assume respective dead point positions, when the bar system is moved from a first, unlock position to a second, locked position, and the first and second toggle joints form an angle with respect to one another when in the dead point positions.

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19. (Amended) A clamping tool comprising:

a base member;

a bar system including a plurality of mutually pivotal bars mounted to the base member, including:

an activation bar pivotally mounted to the base member;

a rocking bar pivotally mounted to the base member and operatively connected to the activation bar via a first toggle joint;

a clamping member operatively connected to the activation bar via a second toggle joint and pivotally mounted to the rocking bar;

wherein the first and second toggle joints do not pass their respective dead point positions simultaneously when the bar system is moved from a first, unlocked position to a second, locked position;

further wherein the clamping member exerts a first clamping force and a second clamping force when the first and second toggle joints assume their respective dead point positions, and the first clamping force is applied at an angle to the second clamping force.